

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] ~~Figures 3A and 3B~~ Figure 3 shows the proliferative responses of SFMC from patients with oJIA (~~Figure 3A~~) or HLA B27+ patients (~~Figure 3B~~) incubated with recombinant *E. coli* hsp dnaJ peptides 4, 22, 61, 174, 209, 242, 264 and 268 (SEQ ID NOS: 1-8, respectively) for 72 hours, and restimulated with autologous irradiated feeder cells in presence or absence of an unrelated control peptide (OVA), or *E. coli* hsp derived peptides (as indicated). Results, expressed as stimulation index (SI), are shown as mean+SD.